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Governor Edward G. Rendell
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: The Capital Budget

Dear Governor Rendell:

Attached is a copy of page 104 of HB-1634, Printer Number 4105. Item number 41 is an appropriation for Resource Recovery LLC for rail development in Clearfield and Centre counties. **THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO URGE YOU TO NOT TO FUND THIS PROJECT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

By way of background, apparently this was added to the Capital Budget by Senator Barry Stout for reasons that have not been explained to any of the Clearfield or Centre county legislators. Most of us in the Centre region do not support the project to bring the largest landfill east of the Mississippi to our region. We are not only opposed to the entire project but most seriously opposed and concerned about any incineration to be conducted in our area. It is our understanding that every incinerator produces dioxin and no level of dioxin is acceptable. Therefore, we must stop at least the incineration portion of this project to protect the public health and safety of our constituents.

When and if Resource Recovery or Senator Stout convince you that this project is a worthwhile endeavor, you should still decline to fund this project because our research and evidence indicates that Resource Recovery does not NEED money. They appear to be a very well funded corporation. In addition, it's not a question of providing state incentives to bring economic development to a region. In fact there is no other competing site asking for this project. No state dollars are necessary to incentivize Resource Recovery LLC to relocate in Pennsylvania. Therefore, the primary principle of our economic development funds would be violated by providing them with state assistance.

Finally, it would set a terrible precedent if your office began funding projects that were opposed by legislators in the region where the projects are to be implemented. We in

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the center region of the state, particularly in Centre and Clearfield county have a whole host of other capital projects that are far more important to us that need state assistance to implement. We do not want our share of capital dollars to go to a company for a project that is no where on our priority list.

For all of the above reasons we strongly urge you to refuse to fund this project under any circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Mike Hanna
State Representative
76th District